

7,000 to 9,000 feet. There is a good deal of frost in the valley, but no snow. He will send orange and lemon seeds in January.

INDIA, Zafarwal. Mr. H. S. Nesbitt writes from the American Mission November 16 that he thinks "without doubt the Medicago is identical with our spring fodder plant very common here and called in the local parlance 'Sinjhi', about as you would say 'seenjee' in America. The seed as well as the blossom has a fragrant odor. The crop will be planted soon and be cut in March or April. It grows very rank on good soil and is much used for milch cows. The Sinjhi here has a yellow blossom. I have some of the seed to send you soon, and also plant specimens when ready."

ITALY, Ventimiglia, La Mortola. Mr. Alwin Berger writes November 15 that he will send us the asparagus seed requested in January, when the many hundreds of thousands of packets, collected in the Botanic Garden, have been cleaned.

JAVA, Buitenzorg. The Secretary to the Direction of Agriculture writes November 15 that they will send directly from the Botanic Gardens, seeds of Bouea gandaria which is best propagated from seeds. Also some shoots of the Mandaloeng pineapple from the Tjiomas plantations.

MAURITIUS, Port Louis. Mr. Gabriel Regnard writes November 10 that he has taken the necessary steps to obtain Anona grandiflora from the Government forests if indeed it still exists there. He is bearing in mind the Diospyros Tesselaria, the trees of which are in fruit now, and he will send seeds as soon as they are ripe, along with other species.

SPECIAL NOTE.

Mr. C. V. Piper, in charge of the forage crops investigations of this Department, is going to make an investigation for the War Department of the forage crop conditions in the Philippines. He left here on December 31, and sails from San Francisco on January 7. If he finishes his work as soon as he expects, he will leave Manila about June 1, under an authorization from this Office to make an investigation of the forage crops of British India. It is expected that he will make brief stops, on his way to Calcutta, at Hongkong, Canton, Singapore and possibly Java. Any of the offices of this Bureau and others desiring him to make special studies or to collect special material for them in any of the regions visited should inform this Office as promptly as possible in order that the most convenient memoranda and shipping material can be prepared and can reach Mr. Piper before he leaves Manila.